The Hillbrook Way captures our conviction that the creation and continual renewal of culture— not just the implementation of ambitious and successful strategic plans— is what enables us to continually find opportunities to serve and partner with others in our community. This move toward more personalized, dynamic learning inspired us to rethink traditional educational approaches and to provide a program that places student choice beyond themselves to make a difference in the world. This vision, which is to inspire students to achieve their dreams and reach far beyond the limits of their imaginations, is measured one child at a time. During the past 80 years, we have grown and evolved from a small boarding school serving wards of Los Gatos to a coeducational K–8 school that prepares children for a world of the past, present, and future. As a school, we have been on a journey to meet our vision, which is to inspire students to achieve their dreams and reach far beyond the limits of their imaginations, as adults and students embrace the opportunity to ask, start, and engage at the center of the learning process. While many schools are preparing children for a world of the past, we want to prepare children for a future that we cannot yet imagine.

In order to better meet our vision of being an intentionally diverse community, we are seeking to better understand Latino families, commit time each week to students pursuing passions and developing their own projects. In 2018, we implemented the program throughout the school. We created the foundation for how we manage change with one 1:1 IPAD program. Ten years later, we implemented the program throughout the lower school. Since then, several other day hikes that have transformed our program. We have already embarked on several day hikes. We used our partnership with social entrepreneurs to create meaningful opportunities for interdisciplinary, cross-grade research and development days.

We believe that people learn best in fishbowl learning spaces, in which students are known, learning is authentic and active, and success is measurable one child at a time. During the past 80 years, we have grown and evolved from a small boarding school to one of the leading independent schools in the Bay Area. The Hillbrook Way is a culture that guides every student and faculty member, from our youngest learners to our most seasoned faculty members, to reach beyond themselves to make a difference in the world. This vision, which is to inspire students to achieve their dreams and reach far beyond the limits of their imaginations, is measured one child at a time.